

THE PLAGE AT POONA INCREASING.

Bombay, 25th October.
The Plague at Poona is increasing. There have been 88 cases and 37 deaths in the last 45 hours.

THE NORTH-WEST FRONTIER CAMPAIGN.

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General Sir Wm. Lockhart is halting the Khandi Valley, awaiting transport. The roads are very difficult.

The British are occupying the higher ridges and endeavoring to maintain a tenuous line.

An attack on the camp yesterday was repelled heavily.

A great force of the Afghans and the Oruzzans are holding the Sangma Pass, where the next struggle is expected.

The Yakkashah and Khyber Afghans are collected to oppose the British Valley forces.

— The correspondent of the *Times* of India says it is impossible to speak impartially of the Gordon Highlanders and the Gurkhas' action at the Dargai Ridge on the 20th October. It is doubtful if modern troops were ever called upon to rush a stronger position. On receiving orders, Colonel Mathew addressed the men, "We are in a difficult position, but the position must be taken at all costs, and the Gordon will take it." Cheating mildly, the men bounded into the death-massage after their officers. How the position was taken is a matter of history now. — The Gurkhas, Sikhs, and British alike cheered the Gordon Highlanders vociferously.

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The regular and mounted patrols are on General Sir Wm. Lockhart's camp and forming party. Probably 30 to 40 of all ranks have been struck.

Captain Beddoe was severely wounded, and his left arm has had to be amputated.

At Shirwani, on Sunday night, the men of the Third Brigade slept in the trenches under arms, according to a report that the enemy were still at the fort.

The enemy, who never expected that Churug Kotal could be forced, are now sending their women to Jellalabad.

The advance against the Sangma Pass is still delayed by transport difficulties in the mountain roads to the rear; but both of General Sir Wm. Lockhart's divisions are expected to begin their advance independently up to the Khandi Valley to-day.

ATTACK ON A LASHKARI TEAR GADDI PROBABLE.

A large hashkar is reported a few miles from Saddar, and an attack on that is most probable.

Bombay, 30th October.

The tribesmen at the Sangma Pass fled, being unable to stand the fire of the six massed batteries. Heavy firing was heard yesterday evening, showing that the force was engaged beyond Sangma.

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It is proposed to lay a railway line from Peshawar to Landi Kotal.

THE LOSS OF THE "ADEN."

Hopes are still entertained that some of the missing passengers and crew of the Peninsular and Oriental steamer *Aden* are now to be found, though probability is small.

Mr. J. Christian Robertson of St. Vincent's, Glasgow, whose wife and three children are among the missing passengers, is strongly of opinion that there are not sufficient grounds for abandoning hope, and as the result of his persistent effort, Her Majesty's Government have now undertaken to have effective search made on land in Arabia. The actual facts of the case are not disputed.

On June 9, 1896, the steamer *Aden* sailed.

In two of these were only men. The third hashkar was manned by twelve men of the crew in whose charge were nine women and eight children, among whom were Mr. Robertson's wife and children. The first boat drifted away before the south-west wind and with the current, and it is conjectured must have reached the coast of Arabia. The hashkar rounded a point half a mile off the coast of Muscat and so disappeared. It may have effected a landing on the coast of Socotra or of Arabia. The fact that nothing had been heard of the occupants of any of the three boats is not regarded as surprising, for beyond searching the sea for a certain distance no effective action can be taken. It has been taken to ascertain the actual fate of the missing passengers and to make inquiries as to whether any have been made on land in Arabia and what fruits are large or small, have been offered for information. This is considered the more surprising, seeing that with the Arabs and Somalis the number is largely one of money, and that if the missing men and women are still alive, they are certainly being held in captivity in the course of payment of ransom. Mr. Christian Robertson, who was Manager of a Central Telegraph Company at Labuan, on hearing of the disaster, at once resigned, and came to England. With the assistance of the company he was able to get into communication with the Colonial Office, with the result that on a careful consideration of the facts of the case Her Majesty's Government have decided to undertake the work of searching Arabia and the Indian Ocean. This will be done, and inquiries will be held both at Aden and Mecca, London and China Express.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Yezreel*, from Manila 11th Nov., had moderate N.E. monsoon and clear weather.

The British steamer *Emeryda*, from Manila 10th Nov., had fresh E. and N.E. wind and heavy sea throughout.

The British steamer *Yezreel*, from Foochow 11th Nov., had strong N.E. wind and sea.

The Chinese steamer *Yezreel*, from New-chang and Chiafo 6th Nov., had moderate to fresh monsoon and fine weather throughout.

The British steamer *Horizon*, from Swatow 13th Nov., had fresh E. and N.E. wind and fine weather.

In Swatow — Straits, *Kensway*, *Wesley*, *Wesley*, *Wesley*, *Wesley*.

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